

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 17-25 are pending in this application. Claims 1-16 are hereby canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Claims 17, 24 and 25 are independent. Claims 17-25 are hereby amended. Support for this amendment is provided throughout the Specification as originally filed, and specifically at pages 36-48 and FIG. 15. No new matter has been introduced. Changes to claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicant is entitled. The Abstract, which was objected to, has been amended thereby obviating the objection.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 17-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph due to phrases in claims 17 and 22. Claims 17 and 22 are hereby amended, obviating the rejection.

III. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 17, 19-23 and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,160,986 to Gabai, et al.

Independent claim 17, as amended, recites, *inter alia*:

“...a first terminal, coupled to the network, for registering inheritance information associated with one or more of said robots;

a second terminal, coupled to the network, for purchasing desired inheritance information selected from the registered inheritance information; and

a sales server, coupled to the network, for receiving the registered inheritance information and for selling the registered inheritance information.” (emphasis added)

As understood by Applicant, U.S. Patent No. 6,160,986 to Gabai, et al relates to an interactive toy apparatus including: a toy having a fanciful physical appearance and including: at least one audio transducer; and a toy transceiver communicating with the audio transducer; and a computer including: a user input receiver; a user information storage unit storing information relating to a user's preferences received from a user via the user input receiver and relating to a user; a computer transceiver; a speech recognition unit receiving speech inputs from the user; and an interactive content controller employing the information relating to the user's preferences received via the user input receiver and stored in the user information storage unit and also employing the speech recognition output for providing interactive audio content to the user at the toy. (see Abstract)

It is respectfully submitted that the cited portions of U.S. Patent No. 6,160,986 to Gabai, et al. (hereinafter, merely “Gabai”), as applied by the Examiner, do not disclose or suggest the above-identified features of claim 17. Specifically, Gabai fails to disclose or suggest a first terminal for registering inheritance information associated with one or more of said robots; a second terminal for purchasing desired inheritance information; and a sales server for receiving the registered inheritance information and for selling the registered inheritance information, as

recited in independent claim 17. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 17 is patentable.

Independent claim 25, as amended, recites, *inter alia*:

“...registration means for registering inheritance information of a self-controlling type robot for voluntarily deciding action sent from a first terminal... and

sales means for selling the inheritance information of said robot registered by said registration step through a second terminal that is coupled to the network.” (emphasis added)

Applicant submits that Gabai does not disclose or suggest the above-identified features of claim 25. Specifically, Gabai fails to disclose or suggest the registration means and sales means, as recited in independent claim 25. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 25 is patentable.

III. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 17-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,594,649 to Sadakuni.

As understood by Applicant, U.S. Patent No. 6,594,649 to Sadakuni relates to modifying behavior of a device based on the device's experience. The device includes: (i) a sensing unit for sensing signals; (ii) a concern-generating unit programmed to generate concern-parameters; (iii) an emotion-generating unit programmed to generate emotion-parameters; and (iv) an actuating unit for actuating the device. When the device is in a situation, the device extracts memory relevant to the situation to obtain concern-parameters previously generated in the situation. The behavior of the device is regulated by concern-parameters in the memory and emotion-parameters generated based on the concern-parameters, and accordingly, the device can modify or improve its behavior. (see Abstract)

As stated above, amended independent claim 17 recites, *inter alia*:

“...a first terminal, coupled to the network, for registering inheritance information associated with one or more of said robots;

a second terminal, coupled to the network, for purchasing desired inheritance information selected from the registered inheritance information; and

a sales server, coupled to the network, for receiving the registered inheritance information and for selling the registered inheritance information.” (emphasis added)

It is respectfully submitted that the cited portions of U.S. Patent No. 6,594,649 to Sadakuni (hereinafter, merely “Sadakuni”), as applied by the Examiner, do not teach or suggest the above-identified features of claim 17. Specifically, Sadakuni fails to teach or suggest a first terminal for registering inheritance information associated with one or more of said robots; a second terminal for purchasing desired inheritance information; and a sales server for receiving the registered inheritance information and for selling the registered inheritance information, as recited in independent claim 17. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 17 is patentable.

Independent claim 24, as amended, recites, *inter alia*:

“...a registration step for registering inheritance information of a self-controlling type robot for voluntarily deciding action sent from a first terminal that is coupled to the network; and

a sales step for selling the inheritance information of said robot registered by said registration step through a second terminal that is coupled to the network.” (emphasis added)

Applicant submits that Sadakuni does not teach or suggest the above-identified features of claim 24. Specifically, Sadakuni fails to teach or suggest the registration step and sales step, as recited in independent claim 24. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 24 is patentable.

As stated above, independent claim 25, as amended, recites, *inter alia*:

“...registration means for registering inheritance information of a self-controlling type robot for voluntarily deciding action sent from a first terminal... and

sales means for selling the inheritance information of said robot registered by said registration step through a second terminal that is coupled to the network.” (emphasis added)

Applicant submits that Sadakuni does not teach or suggest the above-identified features of claim 25. Specifically, Sadakuni fails to teach or suggest the registration means and sales means, as recited in independent claim 25. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 25 is patentable.

IV. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

The other claims in this application are each dependent from one of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosures in the cited references, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the reference, or references, providing the basis for a contrary view.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicant respectfully requests early passage to issue of the present application.

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